GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN CARPETS EXPORT
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the carpet export is decreasing year after year;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and also current year and the reasons therefor;

(c) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the success achieved as a result of the steps taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): No, Sir. Only in the year 2007-08, the exports of carpets and other floor Coverings witnessed a decline of 4.09% in Rupee terms and an increase of 8.39% in US$ term as compared to the export registered in the year 2006-07.

(b): The Export of Handmade Carpets and other Floor Coverings for the last three years is as under:

2005-06	Rs.3082.06 crore
2006-07	Rs.3674.86 crore
2007-08	Rs.3524.73 crore
2008-09 (April- September)	Rs.1533.35 crore

The decline registered in Rupee terms in the year 2007-08 underscore the impact of appreciation of rupees against US$, higher interest rates, slackening in demand and world-wide recession etc.

(c): The Government has taken various measures for development and promotion of handmade carpets and other floor coverings which include: skill upgradation of weavers through training,creating awareness of policy and programmes among the stake holders by way of workshops/seminars,participation in International fairs/exhibitions abroad and organizing buyer-seller meets in India and abroad.Indian Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT) under the aegis of Government of India, Ministry of Textiles has been established at Bhadohi to provide technical support to the Carpet Industry to make it a vibrant sector.Government of India announced duty credit scrip of 5% on FOB value of exports of handmade carpets and other floor coverings under Vishesh Krishi Gram Udyog Yojana Scheme (VKGUY),which would help the carpet industry in enhancing exports.

(d): Exports for the month of September,2008 has witnessed a growth as compared to the exports in the corresponding month of 2007.